

REMARKS

Claims 1-16, 18-24 and 26-28, as amended, are pending for consideration by the Examiner. The claims herein include the Examiner's Amendment made in connection with the Notice of Allowance and Allowability. Applicant also understands from the Examiner and page 3 of the Notice of Allowability that no reliance was placed on the Mukhopadhyay Declaration, which was directed to a prior version of claim 27, in allowing the claims. Dependent claim 16 is now proposed to be amended to recite additional embodiments including soldering and brazing (See, e.g., Specification at page 8, lines 11-24). No new matter or new issues have been introduced by way of this amendment, such that this Amendment is in condition for entry into the allowed application at this time.

Thus, Applicant now believes all claims to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner not agree with this position, a further telephone or personal interview is requested to resolve any remaining issues and expedite allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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